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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
ABINGDON AND FARINGDON DISTRICTS  
JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 1970 containing information required by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Since the report relates to the year prior to my appointment, it is based mainly on statistics and the reports of the Public Health Inspectors. I should like to thank them and my predecessor, Dr. Parfit, for their information and co-operation.

The estimated mid-year population of the Combined Districts was 72,780, or 1,240 more than in 1969, the greatest increase being in Abingdon Borough where the figure rose by 750.

There were 1,152 births in the Combined Districts or 40 more than in 1969. The birth rate rose slightly from last year's figure of 14.9 to 15.2 per thousand population, a figure below that of England and Wales which was 16.0.

565 deaths were recorded, an increase of 1 on the previous year. The death rate fell to 9.4 per thousand population and this figure is well below the national average of 11.7. There were 21 infant deaths; the infant mortality rate was 18 per thousand, the same as the national figure.

52% of the total deaths were attributed to diseases of the heart and circulation (including strokes), 27% to ischaemic heart disease (coronary thrombosis) alone, and 22% to cancer (malignant neoplasms).

Deaths from cancer of the lung rose from 19 in 1969 to 31 in 1970. Perhaps it would be appropriate here to remind people that cigarette smoking accounts for nearly all the lung cancer deaths, now 30,000 a year in England and Wales, as well as many of the deaths due to bronchitis and coronary thrombosis. Some 80,000 premature deaths a year from these three causes are believed to be due to cigarette smoking.

In general the statistical rates for the three Districts compare favourably with those of England and Wales. It must be remembered, however, that these rates are based on small numbers, vary considerably from year to year, and only indicate trends. The national rates are based on a population of nearly fifty million and are much more statistically significant, showing less variation from year to year.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. DAVIES

Medical Officer of Health

# VITAL STATISTICS

## AREA AND POPULATION

District	Area in Acres	Est. Mid. 1970 Pop.	Increase on 1969 Pop.	Persons per Acre
Abingdon Borough	1,754	18,570	750	10.59
Abingdon Rural	41,185	37,540	270	0.91
Faringdon Rural	55,726	16,670	220	0.30
Total	98,665	72,780	1,240	0.74

## BIRTHS AND DEATHS

District	Live Births	Live Births 1969	Birth Rate per 1,000 pop.	Deaths	Deaths 1969	Death Rate per 1,000 pop.
Abingdon Borough	348	317	18.0	143	120	9.8
Abingdon Rural	538	526	13.3	278	297	9.6
Faringdon Rural	266	269	16.3	144	147	8.6
Total	1,152	1,112	15.2	565	564	9.4
England & Wales	784,482	797,542	16.0	575,208	579,463	11.7



The birth and death rates recorded in the tables are the corrected rates per 1,000 population which allow for differences between the age and sex structure of the local population and that of England and Wales.

This allows for comparison with the rates for other local authorities as well as with the national rates.

The area comparability factors by which the local rates are multiplied to give the corrected rates are as follows for the year 1970.

	Abingdon Borough	Abingdon Rural District	Faringdon Rural District
Births	0.96	0.93	1.02
Deaths	1.27	1.30	1.00

#### ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total	Percent of Total Live Births	Percent England & Wales
Abingdon Borough	8	9	17	5	-
Abingdon Rural	15	14	29	5	-
Faringdon Rural	5	6	11	4	-
Combined Districts	28	29	57	5	-
England & Wales	-	-	-	-	8

#### INFANT MORTALITY

District	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Live Births	Infant Mortality per 1,000 Live Births
Abingdon Borough	5 (1)	348 (317)	14
Abingdon Rural	7 (10)	538 (526)	13
Faringdon Rural	9 (6)	266 (269)	34
Total	21 (17)	1152 (1112)	18
England and Wales	-	-	18

# STILL BIRTHS

District	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Per 1,000 Total Births
Abingdon Borough	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Abingdon Rural	6	Nil	6	11
Faringdon Rural	3	Nil	3	11
Total	9	Nil	9	7
England and Wales	-	-	-	13

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

(including abortion)

There were no maternal deaths in any of the three districts.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

The following table gives the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during 1970 (with the 1969 figures in brackets).

Diseases	Abingdon Borough	Abingdon Rural	Faringdon Rural	Total all Districts
Measles	40 (8)	65 (40)	146 (12)	251 (60)
Scarlet Fever	26 (7)	12 (13)	14 (4)	52 (24)
Infective Jaundice	11 (6)	4 (2)	4 (9)	19 (17)
T.B. (Pulm)	- (7)	2 (4)	1 (2)	3 (13)
T.B. (Non-Pulm)	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)	2 (-)
Whooping Cough	2 (-)	9 (-)	- (2)	11 (2)
Dysentery	- (1)	2 (3)	2 (7)	4 (11)
Food Poisoning	- (1)	1 (1)	- (-)	1 (2)
Meningitis	- (1)	3 (1)	- (-)	3 (2)
Leptospirosis	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (†)
Totals	79 (31)	99 (66)	168 (36)	346 (133)



# VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

	Abingdon Borough	Abingdon Rural	Faringdon Rural	Total all Districts
PHTHERIA, TETANUS, OOPIING COUGH.				
Primary InJectiions	262	601	242	1105
Re-inforcing Injections	150	239	75	464
PHTHERIA, TETANUS				
Primary Injections	7	39	-	46
Re-inforcing Injections	430	553	170	1153
ASIES				
Primary Injections	578	763	327	1668
liomyelitis				
Primary Injections	258	585	238	1081
Re-inforcing Injections	535	773	205	1513
ALLPOX				
Primary Vaccinations	275	506	262	1043
Re-vaccinations	162	255	58	475

CAUSES OF DEATH

	ABINGDON BOROUGH			ABINGDON RURAL			FARINGDON RURAL			COMBINED DISTRICTS		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Enteritis & other diarrhoeal diseases	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	2	3
Late effects of respiratory tuberculosis	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2
Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity	2	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	1	4	2	5
" aesophagus	1	2	3	2	-	2	3	1	2	3	7	10
" stomach	1	1	2	3	5	8	1	1	2	7	7	14
" intestine	1	1	2	2	-	2	3	1	5	2	7	9
" larynx	-	-	-	5	-	5	10	-	-	6	7	13
" lung, bronchus	4	-	4	16	3	19	2	-	2	25	14	39
" breast	-	2	2	-	7	7	19	-	1	5	6	11
" uterus	-	2	2	-	2	2	2	-	1	-	1	1
" prostate	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5
Leukaemia	1	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	3	4	7
Other malignant neoplasms	4	8	12	5	8	13	1	4	5	11	20	31
Benign & unspecified neoplasms	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1	-	3	3	3	-	1	1	2	3
Other endocrine diseases	-	-	-	-	5	5	5	-	1	1	2	3
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	2	3	-	3	3	3	-	1	1	2	3
Hypertensive Disease	1	-	1	-	4	4	7	-	1	1	2	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	20	20	40	40	4	44	44	12	28	40	68	108
Other forms of heart disease	2	6	8	6	5	11	10	2	5	7	12	19
Other diseases of the Circulatory system.	3	3	6	8	22	30	13	1	6	12	13	25
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	7	14	12	5	17	3	1	4	28	51	79
Other diseases of the nervous system	-	-	-	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	3	5
Influenza	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	9	22	1	1	3
Pneumonia	3	3	6	11	8	19	14	5	3	19	11	30
Bronchitis & Emphysema	7	1	8	11	3	14	4	1	5	21	5	26
Asthma	-	2	2	1	3	4	-	-	-	1	5	6
Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	3	4	4	8
Peptic ulcer	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	2
Appendicitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

	ABINGDON BOROUGH			ABINGDON RURAL			FARINGDON RURAL			COMBINED DISTRICTS		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Other diseases of the digestive system	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	2	1	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
Other diseases of genito-urinary system	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	2
Congenital abnormalities	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	2
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	4	-	4	2	-	2	-	-	1	7	-	7
Other causes of Perinatal mortality	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	2	1	3
Mental disorders	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents	3	2	5	6	3	9	-	2	3	10	7	17
All other accidents	-	1	1	2	2	4	1	1	2	3	4	7
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2
All other external causes	1	1	2	3	-	3	-	-	-	4	1	5
Total all causes	72	71	143	147	131	278	58	86	144	277	288	565



# ABINGDON BOROUGH

## HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

The number of new houses completed during the year was 338 consisting of 105 Council properties and 233 by private persons.

The above additional Council houses brought the number erected since the war to 1998 and with the 583 pre-war houses makes a total of 2581 (including those purchased) leaving 2563 dwellings for lettings.

The rent of pre-war, including rates ranged from £2. 17s. 4d. (£2.87) to £3. 19s. 0d. (£3.95) for a 48 week year. Rents for post-war houses ranged from £2. 17s. 4d. (£2.87) for a bed sitter to £5. 0s. 6d. (£5.03) for a four bedroom house.

The number of applicants for Council houses at 31st December, 1970, was 282. This was 156 less than at the end of 1969.

## MEAT INSPECTION

The following table gives the details of slaughtered animals inspected and the number of carcasses condemned at the Caldecott Farm Abattoir.

	No. Inspected	No. found to be infected			% of Total	Whole carcasses	
		T.B.	% of Total	Other Conditions		T.B.	Other Conditions
Cattle	2061	1	-	1107	-	-	5
Calves	150	-	-	17	-	-	12
Sheep	3517	-	-	95	-	-	5
Pigs	25925	92	-	5459	-	1	45
Totals	31653	93	-	6678	-	1	67
1969	28163	75	-	5862	-	-	72

### Analysis of Principal Causes of Condemnation of Carcasses

Disease	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Emaciation	1	2	5	10	18
Peritonitis	-	-	-	3	3
Pleurisy	-	-	-	2	2
Moribund	-	1	-	6	7
Pyrexia	-	-	-	4	4
Oedema	-	1	-	-	1
Immaturity	-	4	-	7	11
Pneumonia	2	1	-	1	4
Septicaemia	-	-	-	-	-
Other conditions	2	3	-	12	17
Total	5	12	5	45	67

## UNSOUND FOOD

The following quantities of food and meat, other than meat inspected at the slaughterhouse, were condemned during 1970: -

Dairy Products	205 lbs	Frozen Food	128 lbs
Meat	296 lbs	Fish	21 lbs
Canned Meat	191 lbs	Other items	67 lbs

## FOOD PREMISES

The number and various types of premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, together with number of visits paid to them in the course of food inspection duties were as follows: -

Category of Trade	Number of Premises	Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16.	Premises to which Reg. 19. applies	Premises complying with Reg. 19.
Grocery & Provisions	42	39	42	42
Licensed Premises	31	30	31	31
Catering Premises	16	16	16	16
Butchers	16	16	16	16
Greengrocery	15	15	15	15
Sale of ice cream	8	7	8	8
Sale or manufacture of Preserved Foods	8	8	8	8
Fishmongers	5	5	5	5
Milk Distributors	2	2	2	2
Sausages & Other meat products factory	1	1	1	1
Total	144	139	144	144

## MILK

During the year, 15 samples of milk were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination. The results were as follows: -

	No. Taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pasteurised	7	6	1
Untreated	8	8	-

## ICE CREAM

Nine samples of ice cream were taken and submitted for examination. Six were found to be Ministry of Health provisional grade 1 and three were found to be grade 2.

## HOUSING

- Houses which on inspection were considered unfit for human habitation. Nil
- Houses in which defects were remedied as a result of informal action. 5
- The number of representations made to the local authority with a view to: -
  - serving notices requesting execution of works Nil
  - the making of demolition or closing orders Nil



4.	Informal notices requesting execution of works	2
5.	Houses rendered fit after service of formal notice	6
6.	Number of demolition and closing orders made	Nil
7.	The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking not to re-let was given.	Nil
8.	Number of houses demolished.	4

#### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year 12 Improvement Grants and 10 Standard Grants were approved. The work completed during the year included the following additional amenities : -

Hot Water Systems	7	Water closets	7
Wash hand basins	3	Improvements to kitchens	4
Baths	4	New bathrooms	5

#### CARAVANS

There are no caravans in the Borough now being used as residential accommodation.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

1. Throughout the year the quantity of refuse from domestic and business premises has increased.
2. The use of Bulk Refuse Bins has become more widespread amongst owners of business premises in the Borough.
3. The attention of members of the public has been drawn to the Civic Amenities Area at Wilsham Road and increased use has been made of the site.

#### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The standard of effluent has not been entirely maintained within the Royal Commission Standards. At the higher winter river flows the plant is unable to cope with the load placed on it.

#### MAIN PUMP STATION

The flow metering devices are not satisfactory; the venturii chamber has still to be enclosed.

#### WATER

Water is supplied by the Oxfordshire and District Water Board. Regular sampling is carried out by the Board and by Officers of the Borough.

During the year water was adequate in quantity and generally satisfactory in quality.

#### MORTUARY

The new Mortuary was opened in April 1970. It has improved P.M. examination facilities and a larger capacity.

There were 167 admissions to the Mortuary in 1970, 144 involving Post Mortem examinations. The figures for 1969 were 175 and 172 respectively.



# OFFICES SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1964

Type	No. of New Registrations in 1970.	Total No. of Registered Premises	No. of Persons Employed	No. of Inspections
Offices	3	94	516	3
Retail Shops	2	123	612	11
Wholesale Shops and warehouses	-	8	17	-
Catering Establishments & Canteens	1	17	87	1
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	4	-
Totals	6	244	1236	15

## FACTORIES ACT 1961

	No.	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
Factories without mechanical power	1	1	-	-
Factories with mechanical power	66	11	-	-
Totals	67	12	-	-

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS VISITS FOR 1970

### Public Health and General Sanitation

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	35
Refuse Collection & Disposal	-	-	-	-	172
Accumulations & Deposits	-	-	-	-	15
Animals	-	-	-	-	19
Drainage & Sewerage	-	-	-	-	14
Public Conveniences	-	-	-	-	28
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-	1
Mortuary	-	-	-	-	177
Housing Defects	-	-	-	-	1
Filthy & Verminous Premises	-	-	-	-	5
Pest Destruction	-	-	-	-	27
Water Supplies	-	-	-	-	3
Swimming Pool	-	-	-	-	47
Litter	-	-	-	-	6
Places of Public Entertainment	-	-	-	-	1
Schools	-	-	-	-	3
Caravans	-	-	-	-	8
Street Sweeping	-	-	-	-	5

### Clean Air Act

Smoke Observations	-	-	-	-	4
Installations	-	-	-	-	1

### Housing

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	14
Housing Inspections	-	-	-	-	11
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	3
Improvement Grants	-	-	-	-	71
Improvement Areas	-	-	-	-	1
Houses in Multiple Occupation	-	-	-	-	7

### Offices, Shops & Railways Act 1963

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	14
Offices	-	-	-	-	3
Catering Establishments	-	-	-	-	1

### Petroleum Acts

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	17
Tank Testing	-	-	-	-	3

### Food and Drugs

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	14
Meat Inspection	-	-	-	-	363
Other Food Insp.	-	-	-	-	19
Food Complaints	-	-	-	-	48
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	1
Bakers	-	-	-	-	19
Butchers	-	-	-	-	30
Confectioners	-	-	-	-	3
Greengrocers	-	-	-	-	3
Grocers	-	-	-	-	16
Ice cream premises	-	-	-	-	4
Catering Establishments	-	-	-	-	21
Mobile Shops & Hawkers	-	-	-	-	1
Market Stalls	-	-	-	-	101
Food Preparation Premises	-	-	-	-	14
Slaughterhouse	-	-	-	-	19
Sampling Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	2
" Milk	-	-	-	-	74
" Ice Cream	-	-	-	-	50
" Water	-	-	-	-	7

### Factories Act

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	6
Factories (P)	-	-	-	-	11
Factories (NP)	-	-	-	-	1
Outworkers	-	-	-	-	3

### Shops Act

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	3
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### Noise Abatement Act

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	5
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Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	5
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### Diseases of Animals Act

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	3
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### Civic Amenities Act

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	12
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	9
Other Refuse	-	-	-	-	2

# ABINGDON RURAL DISTRICT

This table gives certain essential figures as a background against which the following pages can be viewed.

Parish	Est. Pop mid 1970.	Area in acres	Total dwellings (a)
Appleford	433	862	127
Appleton-with- Eaton	919	2077	280
Besselsleigh	75	906	22
Cumnor	4820	5690	1401
Draycott Moor & Kingston Bagpuize	1577	2163	132
Drayton	2364	2606	689
Frilford	221	1148	72
Fyfield & Tubney	582	183	189
Garford	120	39	37
Kennington	4389	1369	1246
Lyford	68	774	30
Marcham	1450	2513	458
Milton	734	1466	260
North Hinksey	5638	1069	1511
Radley	2439	2862	453
St. Helen Without (b)	2735	2005	1002
South Hinksey	419	509	110
Steventon	1558	2401	487
Sunningwell	1436	1332	292
Sutton Courtenay	2599	2101	805
Wootton	2776	1523	886
Wytham	188	1992	66
Totals	37540	41185	10722
Totals for 1969.	37270	41185	10475

(a) Excludes residential caravans; includes R.A.F. Married Quarters, at 1.4.70.

(b) Excludes R.A.F. Personnel.



# PART 'A' HOUSING

## CONSTRUCTION

The total number of new houses completed during 1970 was 247. 113 were built by private enterprise, 134 by the Council.

175 were under construction at the end of the year of which 21 were Council houses.

The following table shows their distribution.

Parish	Council Houses		Private enterprise	
	Completed	Under construction 31.12.70.	Completed	Under construction 31.12.70.
Appleford	-	-	3	2
Appleton-with-Eaton	-	-	2	2
Cumnor	-	-	13	5
Draycott Moor	-	-	38	60
Drayton	-	2	-	2
Kennington	-	-	11	7
Marcham	-	-	3	36
North Hinksey	48	6	2	-
Radley	-	-	20	16
South Hinksey	-	-	-	1
St. Helen Without	-	-	2	7
Steventon	8	8	1	-
Sunningwell	-	-	1	4
Sutton Courtenay	-	-	6	4
Wootton	78	5	11	8
Totals	134	21	113	154

## TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

The 16 bungalows at Tubney are still in use and continue to serve a useful purpose.

# IMPROVEMENTS

A survey under the Housing Act, 1969 of all the dwellings in the District was commenced in 1969 and completed during the year under review. Approximately 10,500 houses were checked and a little more than 350 were found to require follow-up action. Obviously a survey of so many houses undertaken in a relatively short time resulted in access being denied to some and the final number requiring further action may prove to be a little higher than the 350 quoted above. In many cases, however, only wash hand basins and hot water systems are required. Applications for grants showed a 50% increase over 1969.

	No. approved 1970 ('69)	Total No. Approved Since	Amount Paid 1970	Total Amount Paid
Standard Grants	21 (18)	1959- 313	£3,240	£38,995
Discretionary Grants	21 (10)	1952 - 389	£8,382	£123,921

(b) (i) No. of properties modernised with aid of Discretionary Grants.

Parish	Conversions	Improvements
Appleton	1	-
Cumnor	-	1
Drayton	3	1
Garford	-	1
Kingston Bagpuize	-	1
Milton	-	1
Radley	1	-
Steventon	-	1
Sutton Courtenay	-	1
Tubney	-	1
Wootton	-	1
Totals	5	9

(b) (ii) Amenities provided with aid of Standard Grants.

Parish	Baths/ showers	W.C.'s	Hot water systems	Sinks	l/bs.
Appleton	4	4	4	-	4
Drayton	1	1	3	-	2
Frilford	1	1	1	-	-
Fyfield	3	4	3	-	3
Kennington	1	1	2	-	1
Marcham	1	1	1	1	1
North Hinksey	-	-	1	-	1
Steventon	2	2	2	1	2
South Hinksey	1	1	1	1	1
Sunningwell	-	-	1	-	-
Sutton Courtenay	-	1	2	1	2
Tubney	-	-	1	-	-
Totals	14	16	22	4	17

HOUSING ACT, 1969

Qualification Certificates

(a) Improvement Cases

No. of applications received	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
No. of Certificates of provisional approval issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
No. of qualification certificates issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil

(b) Standard amenities already provided

No. of applications received	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
No. of qualification certificates issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

HOUSING ACT, 1957

(a) Houses represented to Local Authority with a view to : -

(i) Serving notices requiring execution of works	-	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) The making of Demolition Orders	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iii) The making of Closing Orders	-	-	-	-	-	2
(b) Number of Closing Orders made	-	-	-	-	-	2
(c) Number of Demolition Orders made	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Number of Demolition Orders revoked	-	-	-	-	-	1

CARAVANS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

265 inspections were made during the year concerning caravan control as follows : -

Miscellaneous	9	Exempted sites	22
Council sites	30	Unauthorised (	20
Private licenced sites	184	caravans	



29 applications for planning permission and site licence were considered during the year, 11 out of 16 new applications and all 13 renewals were approved.

The distribution of caravans in the district was as follows : -

(a) Council owned sites

Pebble Hill Caravan Park, Radley.	100 caravans.
Woodland Caravan Park, Radley.	108 caravans.

The demand for sites on the Council's Parks continues and the necessity for waiting lists continued throughout the year.

(b) Licenced private sites

Distribution of private sites in the District was as follows : -

Parish	No. of sites		No. of caravans	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
Appleford	-	1	-	1
Cumnor	4	3	13	3
Draycott Moor	1	1	6	1
Drayton	1	3	50	18
Frilford	-	1	-	2
Kennington	2	-	2	-
Kingston Bagpuize	1	-	4	-
Marcham	-	2	-	2
Milton	-	1	-	1
North Hinksey	-	1	-	1
Radley	2	-	85	-
St. Helen Without	-	1	-	1
South Hinksey	1	-	1	-
Sunningwell	1	-	17	-
Steventon	-	1	-	12
Tubney	-	1	-	1
Sutton Courtenay	1	1	1	1
Wootton	1	2	2	2
Totals	15	19	181	46

(c) Exempted Sites

There were 19 exempted sites in the area. Constant surveillance of the District has continued to prevent the proliferation of caravans in back gardens, etc.

(d) Unauthorised Sites

The number of itinerant caravanners visiting the area was relatively small and it was necessary to make only 20 visits under this heading.

## PART 'B' ENVIRONMENTAL CIRCUMSTANCES

## WATER SUPPLY

## (a) Quantity

All Parishes in the rural district are supplied with mains water but a few shallow wells are still in use. These rarely give trouble so far as quantity of water is concerned.

The following table gives the information required concerning supplies of the two Water Boards serving the area.

## (i) OXFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT WATER BOARD

Parish	Total No. of dwelling houses	No. of dwelling houses supplied with mains water	No. of dwelling houses supplied by standpipe
Appleton	280	255	-
Besselsleigh	22	20	-
Cumnor	1396	1316	-
Draycott Moor	328	295	-
Frilford	78	59	-
Fyfield & Tubney	190	149	-
Garford	37	36	-
Kennington	1239	1176	-
Kingston Bagpuize	80	71	-
Marcham	460	455	-
North Hinksey	1475	1475	-
Radley	470	423	-
St. Helen Without	1104	1002	-
South Hinksey	112	112	-
Sunningwell	293	273	-
Wootton	876	859	-
Wytham	69	41	-
Totals	8509	8017	-

The Oxfordshire and District Water Board report that no restriction of any kind took place during 1970.

## (ii) THAMES VALLEY WATER BOARD

Parish	Total No. of dwelling houses	No. of dwelling houses supplied with mains water	No. of dwelling houses supplied by standpipe
Appleford	127	127	-
Drayton	689	688	1
Lyford	21	21	-
Milton	260	256	1
Steventon	487	487	-
Sutton Courtenay	805	799	6
Totals	2389	2378	8



## (b) Quality

The quality of the mains supply continues to be highly satisfactory from a bacteriological point of view and the following table shows all the samples taken by the Department for bacteriological examination.

	Highly Satisfactory	Satis- factory	Suspicious	Unsatis- factory	Total
Wells	7	-	1	3	11
Boreholes	1	-	-	-	1
Springs	-	1	-	2	3
Reservoir (Mains)	4	-	-	-	4
Totals	12	1	1	5	19

The wells samples were all of the shallow type and must always be regarded with suspicion. In the event of unsatisfactory results being obtained, occupiers are advised to boil all water intended for domestic purposes and, where appropriate, owners are encouraged to connect to the main supply or carry out suitable treatment.

The Oxfordshire and District Water Board report that bacteriological samples were taken regularly and in almost every case proved satisfactory. The Thames Valley Water Board report that routine samples collected from the area during 1970 indicate that the supply is of a high standard of purity. The natural fluoride content being recorded as less than 0.1 mgms/litre.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### (a) Refuse Collection

The "kerbside" system of refuse collection has continued throughout the year. The fleet of vehicles has been increased and now consists of 3 - 50 cu. yd. Pakamatic vehicles and 2 - 35 cu. yd. vehicles. One of the latter is normally held as a reserve vehicle. In addition a four ton lorry is used for special collections. The total labour force consists of 9 loaders, 5 drivers and a foreman.

### (b) Refuse Disposal

Controlled tipping took place at Frilford Heath during the early part of the year and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres were reclaimed and handed back to the owners. During the remainder of the year tipping reverted to privately owned gravel pits at Radley but due to Planning restrictions and the risk of river pollution, an alternative tipping site is being sought.

### (c) Litter

Approximately 150 litter bins continue to be sited throughout the District at bus stops, outside shops, etc. These are in addition to a few large capacity precast concrete bins.

### (d) Civic Amenities Act, 1967

242 special collections were made during the year. These are free of charge and follow requests from householders. This number, however, must be related to the fact that 11 large containers of 6 cu. yd. capacity were in use throughout the year and were emptied on 1,111 occasions at a cost to the Council of £3,333.

Although fulfilling a need these containers have created their own problems. Some of the sites around the containers become dumping grounds for litter and rubbish of all descriptions, and these abuses have proved to be very difficult to control. It may become necessary to give serious consideration to withdrawing the bins from the more isolated sites.



During the year 54 abandoned or unwanted cars were disposed of under the provisions of the Civic Amenities Act. The arrangement whereby a local car breaker removes them free of charge at the Council's request continues satisfactorily.

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

### Fyfield and Tubney Main Drainage

The first two phases of the Fyfield and Tubney main drainage scheme i.e. the laying of sewers in the village of Frilford, Fyfield and Tubney and extensions to the Appleton Sewage Disposal Works, were completed by the end of the year. Tenders amounting to £170,000 for a fourth phase comprising sludge pressing plant at Appleton were accepted in November. It is intended that, on completion of this, sludge will be conveyed from other works for treatment at Appleton. This will eliminate the nuisance of smell from drying sludge and the difficulty of dealing with sludge in wet weather.

### Sugworth Lane, Radley.

The constructional work on the pumping station and sewer serving 33 properties in Sugworth Lane, Radley was completed during the year.

### Dropshort, Sutton Courtenay.

A tender in the sum of £17,000 for the construction of sewers, pumping station and rising main to serve the 29 properties in the Dropshort area of Sutton Courtenay was accepted in October and work commenced in December.

### Main Drainage of Other Areas.

Schemes in draft form for main drainage to serve : -

- (a) Cothill - 24 dwellings and Boys Preparatory School.
- (b) Boars Hill - 120 dwellings and two halls of residence.

Each of these will be discharged into disposal works which are already overloaded and the Council's Consultant Engineers are negotiating with the Department of the Environment with regard to alternative proposals for relieving these works.

## DRAINAGE

Of the total of 313 visits made during the year, 227 concerned septic tanks. Most of these were for a survey of the Boars Hill/Hinksey Hill areas in connection with the proposed main drainage scheme. For many years houses in this locality have experienced drainage problems and the survey revealed that 67 systems (56%) were unsatisfactory. Many of the remainder have systems which disappear into thickley wooded land and probably terminate at watercourses and ditches (which are known to be polluted) at lower levels. The area has a mainly clay subsoil and the results of the survey were not entirely unexpected. A report was submitted to the Council with a recommendation that the proposed main drainage scheme be given priority.

## ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION & SMOKE CONTROL

Two notifications were received under section 3 of the Clean Air Act, 1956, for the installation of new furnaces.

There were no serious difficulties during the year concerning this aspect of work and the total number of visits was 32.

## DISINFESTATIONS

It was necessary for only 9 visits to be made by Public Health Inspectors to premises concerning complaints of vermin.

## RODENT CONTROL

This work continues to be carried out by a rodent officer and an operator engaged jointly by the R.D.C. and Abingdon Borough.

During the year 5,040 visits to premises in the District were made of which 140 were agricultural. 540 premises were found to be infested.

## SCRAP METAL DEALERS

There were 10 scrap metal dealers registered at the end of the year.

## ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

Arrangements whereby a local veterinary surgeon carries out inspections on behalf of the Council of premises used for boarding dogs and cats continues and at the end of the year 3 licences were in force.

## AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

No serious difficulties were encountered concerning sanitary conveniences on farms.

6 visits were made and it was not necessary to serve any notices.

## DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER 1957

Two premises continue to be licenced under the provisions of the above Order and during the year 11 visits were made and satisfactory conditions were maintained.

## NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

14 complaints of noise were received during the year resulting in 22 visits.

Sources of nuisance included use of unmuffled pneumatic drills, pile driving and the use of a scaffolding store at weekends. This latter complaint was resolved when the firm concerned moved to alternative premises.

## PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 & 1936

A total of 65 premises were licenced for the storage of petroleum all of which were visited at least once during the year.

138 inspections were made to enforce various provisions of the above Acts and no serious difficulties occurred.

## HAIRDRESSERS

14 premises were registered under Section 129 of the Berkshire County Council Act, 1953 as barbers and hairdressers. In enforcing Byelaws made under the Act, 6 visits were made.

## PART 'C' OFFICES AND SHOPS

### Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The total number of registered premises at the end of the year was 148. The distribution of these premises was as follows : -

Offices	54	Catering establishments open to the public and canteens	14
Retail shops	75		
Wholesale shops and warehouses	4	Fuel storage depots	1



All registered premises had received a general inspection by the end of the year and 177 general inspections were made during 1970. The total number of visits of all kinds was 298 and 40 contraventions were noted as follows : -

Temperature	8	Floors, passages and stairs	2
Sanitary conveniences	1	Fencing exposed parts machinery.	1
Washing facilities	3	First aid	14
		Other matters	11

All were dealt with informally and satisfactorily remedied. Two accidents were reported during the year.

#### PART 'D' FOOD INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

##### Food premises

The following table shows the nature of the 199 food premises in the District to which 617 inspections were made.

Premises	No.	Complying with Reg 16	Reg. 19 applies	Complying with Reg. 19
Grocery and general stores	57	57	50	50
Public houses	46	46	35	35
Confectionery	12	12	12	12
Butchers	12	12	12	12
Kitchens (schools, canteens etc.)	47	47	47	47
Greengrocery	8	8	8	8
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3
Cafes	3	3	3	3
Off Licences	7	7	1	1
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2
Food Factories	1	1	1	1
Chemists	1	1	-	-

Note: Reg. 16 relates to the provision of wash hand basins and Reg 19 concerns the provision of sinks where necessary.

76 premises were registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 as follows :-

Storage and sale of ice cream	65	Cooking of hams	4
Manufacture of sausages	5	Others	2

##### POULTRY INSPECTION

In June, the poultry packing station at Kingston Bagpuize closed down. The number of birds slaughtered at the premises up to the time of closure was as follows : -

Turkeys	93,178
Hens	27,426
	<u>120,604</u> (Total for 1969 - 262,513)

The plant was visited every day on which slaughtering took place and this resulted in the condemnation of 1,397 birds. This figure being 1.15% of the total throughout. The total weight of condemnations was 3 tons, 3 cwt. 103 lbs.



FOOD HAWKERS

The following 15 businesses were registered under Section 122 of the Berkshire County Council Act, 1953 permitting the selling of food to be carried out within the District : -

Butcher 1, Bakers 3, Ice cream 3, Caterers 3, General Provisions 1, Potatoes 2, Fish 1, Fish and Chips 1.

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKET STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES)  
REGULATIONS 1966

There are no market stalls as such within the rural district but mobile shops and delivery vehicles were the subject of 28 inspections. Conditions were generally satisfactory.

MILK AND DAIRIES

The Berkshire County Council is the licencing Authority for retailers of milk and 14 premises were licenced at the end of the year. However, regard is paid to hygiene requirements of the Milk and Dairies Regulations when shops are visited for other purposes.

Bacteriological sampling is carried out by the Department and during the year 38 samples were procured, 19 from schools and 17 from dealers and 2 from other sources. All but 5 were satisfactory.

ICE CREAM

130 samples of ice cream were procured during the year from 65 different premises including at least one from every premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act.

Results were as follows : -

Provisional Grade 1	-	-	-	72
Provisional Grade 2	-	-	-	47
Provisional Grade 3	-	-	-	8
Provisional Grade 4	-	-	-	3

KNACKERS YARD

The beagle kennels attached to a local public school are licenced under section 62 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 by virtue of the fact that dead animals are collected from farms, flayed, dressed and processed prior to feeding to the dogs. The premises continue to be satisfactory.

UNSOUND FOOD

The following food was voluntarily surrendered or condemned : -

Meat at poultry packing station	3 tons	3 cwts.	103 lbs.
Meat at retail shops	3	"	21 "
Cooked meat and meat products			73 "
Canned meats	8	"	18 "
Other canned foods	2	"	48 "
Frozen foods due to cabinet breakdown.	10	"	9 "
Other foods			24 "
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Total	4 tons	8 cwts	72 lbs.

All condemned and surrendered food was disposed of in the Council's refuse tip except that from the poultry factory which was satisfactorily dealt with by the firm concerned.

10 complaints of unsatisfactory food were received during the year. All were investigated resulting in one prosecution. This concerned an extremely dirty milk bottle. The defendants pleaded guilty and were fined £30.

## PART 'E' FACTORIES

### Registered premises

The total number of premises registered at the end of the year was 64 as follows : -

#### (i) Factories without power : -

Joinery	5
Dressmaking	1

#### (ii) Factories with power : -

Motor vehicle repairs	19	Carpentry	1
Agricultural engineering	5	Car manufacture	1
Light engineering	4	Plastics	1
Bakehouses	3	Waterworks	1
Saw mills	2	Plant repairs	1
Electrical engineering	3	Asphalt	1
Laundry	2	Joinery works	3
Tyre remoulding	2	Electrical repairs	2
Radio repairs	2	Concrete columns	1
Electrical vehicle sales and service	1	Assembly of sheet steel ducting	1
Dry cleaners	1	Refrigerator repairs	1

### Building etc. sites.

7 building and engineering sites in the District were subject to the requirements relating to sanitary accommodation.

	No. Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
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Factories without mechanical power	6	6	-	-
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Factories with mechanical power	58	70	-	-
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Other premises	18	7	-	-
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Totals	82	83	-	-
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11 outworkers all of whom are engaged in the wearing apparel

industry were subject to 7 inspections which proved to be satisfactory.

# SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' WORK 1970

Number of visits made	-	-	-	5222
" " complaints received	-	-	-	66
" " statutory notices served	-	-	-	-
" " prosecutions	-	-	-	1
Matters in relation to which visits were made : -				
HOUSING				
Housing inspections	-	-	-	26
Improvement grants	-	-	-	254
Housing survey	-	-	-	2154
Others	-	-	-	255
Qualification Certificates	-	-	-	8
PUBLIC HEALTH				
Health Education - lectures	-	-	-	1
Refuse collection	-	-	-	23
Refuse disposal	-	-	-	68
Litter	-	-	-	13
Accumulations and deposits	-	-	-	12
Filthy premises	-	-	-	14
Verminous premises	-	-	-	9
Animals	-	-	-	17
Housing defects	-	-	-	22
Drainage	-	-	-	86
Cesspools/septic tanks	-	-	-	227
Inadequate sanitary accommodation	-	-	-	2
Suitable and sufficient sanitary accommodation	-	-	-	1
Sanitary accommodation at refreshment houses	-	-	-	21
Hairdressers	-	-	-	6
Swimming baths	-	-	-	35
Water supplies - wells	-	-	-	14
Water supplies - mains	-	-	-	4
Water courses	-	-	-	52
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	98
CARAVANS				
Council sites	-	-	-	30
Private licenced	-	-	-	184
Exempted	-	-	-	22
Unauthorised	-	-	-	20
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	9
CIVIC AMENITIES ACT				
Abandoned cars	-	-	-	240
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	3
NOISE ABATEMENT				
	-	-	-	22
PETROLEUM				
	-	-	-	138
DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD)				
	-	-	-	11
PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT				
	-	-	-	7
FOOD AND DRUGS				
Grocers	-	-	-	123
Kitchens (Schools, canteens, etc.)	-	-	-	83
Poultry inspection	-	-	-	65
Food complaints	-	-	-	41
Butchers	-	-	-	34
Food factory	-	-	-	68
Food inspection	-	-	-	28
Street vendors, vans and stalls	-	-	-	28
Bakers	-	-	-	2
Confectioners	-	-	-	13
Greengrocers	-	-	-	14
Licenced houses	-	-	-	68
Fishmongers	-	-	-	3
Ice cream premises	-	-	-	156
Food poisoning	-	-	-	9
Off licences	-	-	-	4
Milk retailers	-	-	-	65
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	7



## OFFICES AND SHOPS

Retail shops	-	-	-	113
Offices	-	-	-	39
Catering establishments open to the public	-	-	-	18
Wholesale shops and warehouses	-	-	-	2
Accidents	-	-	-	2
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	3

## FACTORIES

Factories and workshops	-	-	-	69
Outworkers	-	-	-	7
Laundries	-	-	-	3
Bakehouses	-	-	-	4

## AIR POLLUTION

Miscellaneous	-	-	-	10
Smoke observations	-	-	-	13
Installations	-	-	-	9

## FARMS (SANITARY ACCOMMODATION)

	-	-	-	6
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## SAMPLES

Ice cream	-	-	-	130
Water - wells	-	-	-	15
Mains	-	-	-	4
Milk	-	-	-	38
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	14

# FARINGDON RURAL DISTRICT

PARISH	Est.Pop. Mid 1970	Area in Acres	Total Dwell- ings	Council Houses 31.12.70	Rateable Value (a)	Product ld. rate (b)		
Ashbury	656	5609	183	44	12234	£45.	6.	0.
Baulking	122	1580	39	-	1515	£5.	11.	0.
Bourton	318	1260	89	12	6883	£22.	2.	0.
Buckland	560	4505	190	-	14213	£47.	8.	0.
Buscot	248	2887	71	-	5162	£16.	18.	0.
Charney Bassett	266	1209	94	-	6883	£26.	8.	0.
Coleshill	224	2014	74	-	3615	£13.	0.	0.
Compton Beauchamp	86	1812	38	-	2351	£8.	15.	0.
Eaton Hastings	114	1570	36	-	2024	£7.	6.	0.
Faringdon	3894	3547	1261	386	125434	£500.	8.	0.
Fernham	217	1016	72	28	4546	£16.	0.	0.
Great Coxwell	280	1435	111	12	7005	£26.	18.	0.
Hatford	123	993	34	-	7145	£28.	18.	0.
Hinton Waldrist	288	2016	97	23	5272	£19.	10.	0.
Kingston Lisle	286	2040	79	12	5521	£22.	5.	0.
Little Coxwell	186	887	71	-	4397	£16.	19.	0.
Littleworth	218	2350	79	-	3572	£14.	1.	0.
Longcot	439	1894	144(c)	34	10483	£40.	15.	0.
Longworth	893	2291	245	56	16998	£65.	18.	0.
Pusey	98	1040	32	-	1623	£6.	15.	0.
Shellingford	204	1761	68	2	4126	£15.	16.	0.
Shrivenham	2766	2695	704(d)	96	96474	£425.	9.	0.
Stanford-in- the Vale	1542	2927	465	96	32085	£125.	10.	0.
Uffington	722	2929	237	88	11664	£44.	9.	0.
Watchfield	1839	1517	508(e)	70	61492	£249.	19.	0.
Woolstone	81	1942	46	-	2769	£11.	2.	0.
South Western Gas Board	-	-	-	-	2382	£10.	15.	0.
Southern Electricity Board.	-	-	-	-	7602	£31.	0.	0.
TOTALS	16670	55726	5067	959	465470	£1865.	1.	0.
TOTALS FOR 1969	16450	55726	4973	912	463977	£1826.	7.	0.

(a) As at 31. 12. 70.

(b) To nearest shilling

(c) Includes 11 Military Quarters

(d) Includes 82 Military Quarters

(e) Includes 347 Military Quarters



HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

New houses completed during the year numbered 86 of which 47 were Council dwellings and 39 were private.

A further 10 Council dwellings and 33 private houses were under construction as at 31. 12. 70.

The distribution of these properties is shown by the following table : -

Parish	Council Houses		Private Enterprise	
	Completed	Under construction 31.12.70.	Completed	Under construction 31.12.70.
Charney Bassett	-	-	1	-
Faringdon	13	10	-	-
Fernham	-	-	-	2
Gt. Coxwell	-	-	1	-
Hinton Waldrist	-	-	-	1
Longcot	-	-	-	1
Longworth	-	-	-	-
Shellingford	-	-	1	-
Shrivenham	-	-	10	14
Stanford-in-the Vale	-	-	23	10
Uffington	34	-	1	1
Watchfield	-	-	-	-
Littleworth	-	-	-	-
Buckland	-	-	1	2
Woolstone	-	-	-	-
Totals	47	10	38	31
Totals for 1969	9	34	29	31

RENTS

Maximum rents, which are based on the gross value for rating purposes, are now calculated on a 50 week basis.

They range in the case of pre-war houses from £1.15.0d. to £2. 3. 3d. and for post war houses from £1. 17. 10d. to £3. 18. 4d. Tenants however receive rebates which may amount to 10/10d. for pre-war and 11/6d. for post-war houses.

These rebates may reduce rents to minimum figures between £1. 4. 11d. and £1. 12. 5d. for pre-war houses and between £1. 8. 5d. and £3. 1. 3d. for post-war houses.

Rents for the 22 flats in the Council's aged amenity block is £3. 12. 10d. inclusive of central heating, hot water and rates. There is a resident Warden and residents have the use of certain communal facilities.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1969.

One caravan site for 40 caravans and four individual caravans were licensed during the year. The table below shows the distribution. Four exempted sites were notified under paragraph (5) of the first schedule of the act: one in Charney Bassett, one in Faringdon, one in Uffington, one in Littleworth.

Parish	Sites	Caravans
Buckland	1	1
Eaton Hastings	1	1
Faringdon	1	40
Uffington	1	1



REFUSE COLLECTION

The refuse collection, which is weekly and from the kerb-side, was maintained throughout the year. Bins are carried for the aged and infirm.

Two compression type vehicles and one Fore and Aft tipping machine are used for this service.

A special trade waste collection is carried out for which a charge is made. Bulky items of household refuse are collected free of charge.

Disposal is by tipping in a sand pit at Stanford which is also used by Wantage R.D.C. for part of their refuse. One man is employed on the refuse pit and a tracked bulldozer is in constant use.

WATER SUPPLY

The Oxfordshire and District Water Board supply water throughout the area excepting the parish of Kingston Lisle which is supplied by the Thames Valley Water Board. The quantity and quality was satisfactory during the year and routine sampling is carried out by the Water Authority.

DETAILS OF DWELLINGS RECEIVING WATER FROM PIPED SUPPLIES EITHER PUBLIC OR OTHER SOURCE.

Parish	Dwellings	Inside the House	Standpipes
Ashbury	183	181	2
Baulking	39	39	-
Bourton	89	88	1
Buckland	190	190	-
Buscot	71	71	-
Charney Bassett	94	94	-
Coleshill	74	74	-
Compton Beauchamp	38	38	-
Eaton Hastings	36	36	-
Faringdon	1261	1260	1
Fernham	72	71	1
Great Coxwell	111	111	-
Hatford	34	34	-
Hinton Waldrist	97	97	-
Kingston Lisle	79	79	-
Little Coxwell	71	70	1
Littleworth	79	79	-
Longcot	144(a)	144	-
Longworth	245	241	4
Pusey	32	31	1
Shellingford	68	68	-
Shrivenham	704(b)	704	-
Stanford-in-the Vale	465	464	1
Uffington	237	237	-
Watchfield	508(c)	508	-
Woolstone	46	46	-
TOTALS	5067	5055	12
TOTALS FOR 1969	4973	4942	31

(a) Includes 11 Military Married Quarters  
(b) Includes 82 Military Married Quarters  
(c) Includes 347 Military Married Quarters

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Progress was made for providing main drainage to the villages of Shellingford and Littleworth and the schemes were approved by the Department of the Environment. A scheme was prepared for the extension of the sewerage system at Faringdon to drain a large development area to the north of the town.

In addition extensive field work was carried out at Shrivenham for the replacement of the existing sewerage system by new foul and surface water sewers.

RODENT CONTROL

Rodent control is carried out by the Council's Chargehand who devotes roughly a quarter of his time to this service.

Generally premises are treated with Warfarin mixed in a maize meal base.

Sewer testing was carried out in Faringdon, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Shrivenham and Watchfield.

MEAT

The only slaughterhouse in the district is in Faringdon and this has continued to operate during the year. It supplies local retail trade.

The following is a list of carcasses inspected and meat found to be unfit for human consumption : -

No. Inspected	Steers and Heifers 424	Calves 5	Sheep and Lambs 606
All diseases except T.B.			
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part was condemned	91	-	30
Percentage of the number inspected with diseases other than T.B.	21.1		
Tuberculosis only	No meat was found to be infected with T.B.		

OTHER FOODS

During the year the following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered after examination had shown them to be unfit for human consumption.

- 32 lbs. Ox Tail
- 70 lbs. Ox Liver
- 1½ Boxes (75 lbs) Chile Onion
- 5 x 56 lbs. King Edward New Potatoes
- 1 x 56 lbs. King Edward New Potatoes
- 8 Boxes Jonathan Apples
- 40 lbs. Rump Beef
- 15 lbs. Ox Kidney
- 1 Stone Soft Roe
- 20 x 6 Kilo (13 lbs) Spanish Tomatoes

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

The Berkshire County Council issued licences under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations. There is one dairy and eight milk distributors registered in the district. Routine sampling is carried out by the officers of the Berkshire County Council

FOOD PREMISES

The number of food premises in the district is set out in the following table. Conditions generally were found to be satisfactory.

Category of Trade	Number of Premises	Number of Premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16.	Number of Premises to which Regulation 19 applies	Number of Premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19
Licensed Premises	47	47	42	42
Grocers & General Stores	42	42	40	40
Butchers	6	6	6	6
Confectioners	7	7	-	-
Cafes	4	4	4	4
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers	2	2	2	2
Fish Frying Establishments	3	3	3	3
Fishmongers	1	1	1	1

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, SECTION 16

Forty-seven premises are registered for the sale of Ice-cream and one for the manufacture and sale thereof.

Three premises are registered for the cooking of hams.

HOUSING

Houses inspected under the Housing Acts	-	-	12
Number of Closing Orders made	-	-	Nil
Number of Closing Orders Determined	-	-	Nil
Number of Demolition Orders	-	-	Nil

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Fifteen applications for Discretionary Grants under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, were approved by the Council. Altogether work under the Scheme was completed to thirteen properties during the year.

Seventeen applications for Standard Grants were approved by the Council and altogether work was completed to eleven properties during the year.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections Made	No. of Written Notices	Prosecutions
Factories without mechanical power	1	-	-	-
Factories with mechanical power	39	28	-	-
TOTALS	40	28	-	-

Cases in which defects were found - NIL  
No outworkers were notified during the year.



SUMMARY OF HEALTH INSPECTOR'S WORK  
DURING YEAR 1970

Number of visits made	-	-	-	-	1132
" " complaints received	-	-	-	-	195
" " notices served (Informal)	-	-	-	-	38
" " notices served (Statutory)	-	-	-	-	Nil
" " prosecutions	-	-	-	-	Nil

Miscellaneous matters in relation to which visits were made : -

Council House Applications	-	-	-	-	226
Refuse Disposal	-	-	-	-	81
Refuse Collection	-	-	-	-	162
Slaughterhouse (Meat Inspection)	-	-	-	-	110
Petroleum Storage	-	-	-	-	60
Butchers Shops	-	-	-	-	14
Cafes and Inns	-	-	-	-	24
Other Food Premises	-	-	-	-	63
Shops other than Food	-	-	-	-	39
Offices	-	-	-	-	12
Caravans	-	-	-	-	24
Water Supplies	-	-	-	-	41
Improvement Grants	-	-	-	-	36
Rodent Control	-	-	-	-	20
Factories and Workplaces	-	-	-	-	28
Milk Supplies	-	-	-	-	10
Water Courses	-	-	-	-	11
Schools	-	-	-	-	29
Water Samples	-	-	-	-	12
Mortuary	-	-	-	-	8
Housing Act	-	-	-	-	12
Nuisances	-	-	-	-	32
Swimming Baths	-	-	-	-	16
Food Stalls and Vehicles	-	-	-	-	9
Bakehouses	-	-	-	-	2
Dairies	-	-	-	-	5
Miscellaneous Visits	-	-	-	-	46



